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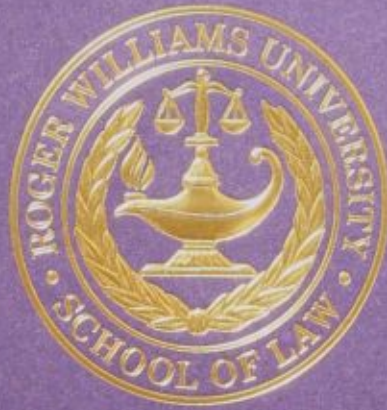
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ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF LAW



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 18, 2002
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 18, 2002

CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND TWO

BRUCE I. KOGAN, INTERIM DEAN — PRESIDING

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude, Sigurd Jorasalfar</i> by Edvard Grieg
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March</i> by Edward Elgar
NATIONAL ANTHEM	The Ralph Stuart Orchestra
INVOCATION	The Reverend Steven W. Hagerman St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Riverside, Rhode Island
INTRODUCTION	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
TRUSTEES' GREETINGS	Ralph R. Papitto Chair, Board of Trustees
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D. Roger Williams University
ALUMNI WELCOME	Michael W. Field, Esq., '97 Law Alumni Association President
CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE <i>Presented by:</i> Ralph R. Papitto Ferdinand A. Bruno, Esq. John Tarantino, Esq. University Trustees	THE HONORABLE BRUCE M. SELYA United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
ADDRESS	The Honorable Bruce M. Selya "Truth, Half Truths and Lawyers' Truths"
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS	Christy L. Hetherington – <i>Day Division Valedictorian</i> Katy Anne Hynes – <i>Evening Division Valedictorian</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS	Interim Dean Bruce I. Kogan
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D.
BENEDICTION	The Reverend Steven W. Hagerman St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Riverside, Rhode Island
RECESSIONAL	<i>Grand March from "Aida"</i> by Giuseppe Verdi

The Audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

Degree Candidates and their families and friends are welcome to join the Commencement Celebration immediately following this Ceremony in the School of Law.

Roger Williams University Ceremonial Pipes and Drums, under the direction of Pipe Major Eric M. Armour.

THE HONORABLE BRUCE M. SELYA



As a gifted legal scholar, a distinguished and influential jurist, and as a community and civic leader, Bruce M. Selya honors us with his presence here at the Roger Williams Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Commencement Exercises.

Born in 1934, Judge Selya was educated in the Rhode Island public schools, including Providence Classical High School, and received his A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College in 1955 and his LL.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1958. Following law school, Judge Selya clerked for Chief Judge Edward S. Day of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

For several years, Judge Selya was in private practice in Rhode Island and in 1966 began to serve as a judge in the Rhode Island Probate Court. In 1982, Judge Selya was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island. He served in that position until 1986, when he was appointed by President Reagan to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Since his appointment in 1986, Judge Selya has gained a reputation as a gifted appellate judge who is known for his brilliant and scholarly opinions as well as his incisive and active questioning from the bench. The artful and expressive language used in his frequently cited opinions both delights and educates lawyers and judges. Beyond his service on the First Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Justice Rehnquist has asked Judge Selya to serve on the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation which oversees the management of the most complex federal civil matters across the entire country.

In addition to the significant contributions Judge Selya has made as jurist, he has also served the community by serving on the boards of many organizations, including Indiana University School of Law, Hospital Association of Rhode Island, Lifespan Health System, Bryant College, and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island. Judge Selya has also graciously agreed to act as a member of Roger Williams University School of Law's Advisory Board.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Judge Selya has received numerous awards and honors. He is the recipient of the Louis D. Brandeis Medal for Distinguished Legal Service presented by Brandeis University, the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Criminal Justice Award, and Judge Selya has also been awarded an honorary degree from Bryant College.

Judge Selya, your commitment to public service and to the development of legal doctrine, as well as the exemplary standard you have set for excellence and professionalism in the legal community, serve as an example for all of our graduates here today, as we are honored to award you this Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Given this eighteenth day of May, two thousand and two.

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*Honorary distinction, awarded to students who have met all requirements, are based upon final cumulative grade point averages which are:
 ***Summa cum laude - 3.75; **Magna cum laude - 3.5; *Cum laude - 3.25.*

† *Joint degree with University of Rhode Island, JD/Master of Marine Affairs*

†† *Joint degree with University of Rhode Island, JD/Master of Science in Labor Relations and Human Resources*

• *Anticipated graduation date, July 2002*

•• *Anticipated graduation date, December 2002*

SELECTED HONORS EARNED
BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2002

VALEDICTORIANS

The members of the graduating class achieving the highest cumulative grade-point-averages over the entire course of study in the day division and the evening division will address the class during Commencement Ceremonies.

Christy L. Hetherington – *Day Division*
Katy Anne Hynes – *Evening Division*

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
SECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
AND
THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS, INC.
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

This prize is awarded for excellence in the study of Intellectual Property Law.

Ginger Titania Chapman
David Armbrust Stallman

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARD

Based upon criteria articulated by the National Association of Women Lawyers, which include contribution to the advancement of women in legal education and in society, the School of Law annually nominates and elects a graduate for a complimentary one-year membership in the Association.

Katy Anne Hynes

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS
STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD

This award is presented to a student who demonstrates an overall ability in trial advocacy by high achievement in trial practice, evidence, and pleading and procedure courses.

Rebecca Renee Yeager

THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN
APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intra-scholastic moot court competition share in a generous award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

Best Brief

Zachary M. Barth Kimberly Anne Grabarz

Best Oralists

Alan R. Dembiczak Jacques Jean LeMarier

Faculty Advisor:

Professor B. Mitchell Simpson, III

BIRNBERG FOUNDATION
AWARD RECIPIENTS

This award honors graduating students who have demonstrated perseverance, determination and dedication to succeed throughout his or her entire law school career.

Thomas W. Box
Joseph F. Rodgers, III

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE
MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

The American Bankruptcy Institute awards students on their outstanding performance in bankruptcy coursework. Recipients receive a complimentary one-year membership in the ABI.

Rebecca Jean Schwartz

SELECTED HONORS EARNED
DURING THE 2001-2002 ACADEMIC YEAR

TRIAL TEAM

The following students were selected to participate in
inter-scholastic trial team competitions:

National Trial Team Competition

Michelle Alves**
Kathleen Corbishley*
Lucy H. Holmes*
Jennifer A. Niedzinski**
Jason S. Nunnermacker*
Rebecca Renee Yeager**

**Regional Finalist

*Regional Semi-Finalist

Faculty Advisor:

Associate Professor David M. Zlotnick

Attorney Coach:

Thomas Mirza, Esq.

Association of Trial Lawyers of America Competition

Rochelle Barbosa*
Mary Jean Boyle
John Calcagni*
James Forcier
Amy S. Mello*
William John McCallig
Christopher D. Moore*
Rebecca Jean Schwartz

*Semi-finalist

Faculty Advisor:

Professor Larry J. Ritchie

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
LAW REVIEW

The following students constitute the 2001-2002 Editorial Board and Staff of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume Seven of the *Law Review*. Appointment to the Board of Editors is one of the highest honors bestowed upon law students.

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The Moot Court Board is intended to develop the art of legal advocacy and brief writing through intra-scholastic and inter-school moot court competition. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intra-scholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Society also sponsors inter-scholastic teams which compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

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Dena M. Castricone
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Faculty Advisor: Professor David A. Rice

*San Diego National
Criminal Procedure Competition*
Zachary M. Barth*
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*Quarter-finalist

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ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic dress originated more than 600 years ago at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, where today the most colorful gowns in the world are those worn at Oxford functions. Though worn daily in the Middle Ages to identify disciplines of study and to provide warmth, today, academic regalia is reserved for ceremonial occasions.

In the United States, the Academic Costume Code is adhered to by virtually all American colleges and universities. This governs the material, style, color and trimmings of the gown and hood, the style of the cap, and the color of the tassel.

The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is indicated by the color of the edging of the hood, and in some cases by the color of the velvet trimming on the front panels and the sleeves. The doctor's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has velvet panels draped around the neck and along the front edges of the gown. Three horizontal bars are stitched on the upper arm of the full, bell-shaped sleeves. The standard academic color for law is purple.

This established code allows viewers to determine from the costume the degree, academic discipline and, often, the institution that awarded the degree. The gown of the Roger Williams University School of Law is black with purple velvet trimming. The hood has a velvet border of purple with a satin lining of a gold background with a blue chevron. The cap, or tam, is worn with a gold tassel.

The standard academic color code in the United States is:

Agriculture	<i>Maize</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities	<i>White</i>
Business Administration	<i>Drab</i>
Dentistry	<i>Lilac</i>
Economics	<i>Copper</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>
Fine Arts, Architecture	<i>Brown</i>
Journalism	<i>Crimson</i>
Law	<i>Purple</i>
Library Science	<i>Lemon</i>
Medicine	<i>Green</i>
Music	<i>Pink</i>
Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Philosophy	<i>Dark Blue</i>
Physical Education	<i>Sage Green</i>
Public Administration	<i>Peacock Blue</i>
Public Health	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Science	<i>Gold</i>
Social Science	<i>Citron</i>
Theology, Divinity	<i>Scarlet</i>
Veterinary Science	<i>Gray</i>

